

REMARKS
Status of the Claims

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. Claims 12-33 have been withdrawn from consideration. Originally-filed claims 1-5 and 8-11 were rejected. Originally-filed claims 6 and 7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, "but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." (Office Action, page 18).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the recitation of claim 6. Applicants have canceled claim 6. Applicants have also amended claim 7 to recite dependence on amended claim 1. In view of these amendments, applicants submit that claims 1-5 and 7-11 are in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0510, under Order No. 20140-00318-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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